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News from the Facility Manager

Hello Again Northwood Family!

Wow!!! It's hard to believe that Easter has come and gone and it's May already! Where does the time go?

To start, our new tree has been in now for over a month and doing fine. I know a lot of you are concerned because there are some dead leaves. Some of these can be from transportation and some from transplanting. What I look for is that the new and outermost growth is green and looking good. I have recently fertilized and treated it with vitamins to prevent further shock. I am not concerned, and have faith that it will be just fine. However, all prayers will be appreciated just the same.

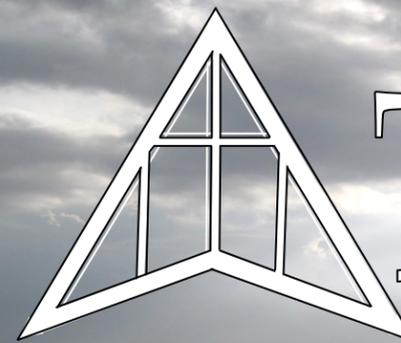
Next, as I mentioned last month, a lot of the excess dirt from the tree was placed on the west side of the youth room and gym. This area has been sodded to stabilize it and the sprinkler system for this zone has been reworked to water more efficiently. Mike Sacco, from the lawn maintenance company, mowed it recently for the first time.

The walkway and the seat walls on the North side of the CE Building have been de-mildewed and cleaned. During the next month I will be applying a sealer to help prevent recurrence. I will try to go around all the buildings to do the same thing, but am limited to the amount of time I can spend on this project.

Lastly, a great big thank you to Sam Musgrave, Tom Baker, and Michael Cromwell for putting up, taking down and storing the outdoor service stage. Thanks for storing it so neatly, guys!

To close I want to wish you all a blessed and safe Memorial weekend.

At your service,
 Jeff Mossolle



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**Summer Music Camp
 for Rising 3rd through
 Rising 6th Graders**

We only have a few more spots available for our annual Summer Music Camp! If you are a rising 3rd-rising 6th grader and want to learn and perform a Christian musical, play music games and enjoy snacks, join us August 11-15, 9am-12:00pm. There will be a performance Friday evening, August 15, to show your parents, friends and the congregation. The cost is only \$25 for the week not including a minimal cost for dinner before the show. Auditions will be held the week of Vacation Bible School. To register, contact Stephanie Carson.

Stephanie Carson, Director of Music
 stephanie@northwoodpc.org
 796-8090

Children's Choral Festival Recap

At the beginning of every school year, I receive a list of seven high-quality children's anthems from the Central Florida chapter of the Chorister's Guild. We learn all of them throughout the year and, in the spring, join with other children's church choirs from all over the state to sing these songs with a national clinician who conducts. We have been participating in this event for seventeen years. This year eight of our third through fifth grade children attended. The day involved choir rehearsals together and the children also got to choose two other musical activities to experience: recorder, Orff, bells, drumming, sign language, drama and/or sacred dance. At the end of the day there was a final concert where they sang the songs they learned and performed the activity of their choice. This trip included a stay-over the night before in a motel, which the kids loved. Part of the yard sale funds helped us to make this trip. Here are some comments from a child who attended and a parent who chaperoned:

"The church is VERY beautiful and the singing was fun and I enjoyed learning the new songs. I had fun at the hotel and was glad that Sonya went, too. I will never ever forget the experience. Thank you for inviting me. I am happy to be a part of the church family!!!!" Aly Tobiassen

"I was amazed at how many activities we packed into one day! And how by the end of the day, all the kids, from all over came together and sang so seamlessly. The church was beautiful and their voices soared. Seeing the kids come together to praise God and enjoy fellowship and music together was the highlight."

My favorite part of the van ride was at the very end, when all the kids, without being told to, started singing together.

Thanks again Stephanie for all you do. It was a great trip!" Kathleen Pope

So thank you Northwood for your continued support of the music ministry! And please remember to save items/donations for our annual yard sale which will be January 16 and 17, 2015. The yard sale helps us to take trips like this and fund other things for the music ministry.

Stephanie Carson
 Director of Music



At A Glance

May 20, 2014

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, May 25th:

8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

Monday, May 26th:

Memorial Day, Office Closed

Sunday, June 1st:

8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

Sunday, June 8th:

8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

Sunday, June 15th:

8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

Sunday, June 22nd:

8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

Monday, June 23rd-27th:

8:30 AM-12:30 PM Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 26th:

6:00-8:00 PM VBS Evening Program

Sunday, June 29th:

8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

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The Window

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Submissions:

If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail Katie@northwoodpc.org, or place it in Katie Pacana's box in the church office. The deadline is the 2nd Monday of the month.

E-News:

If you are interested in receiving the bi-weekly Monitor via our e-news system, please send an email with your name and request to Katie@northwoodpc.org.

From the PASTOR'S DESK

Rev. Dr. E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

Reflections on Building Renovations, Our Vision and Our Values

Dear Friends,

Thank you to those who have already spoken to me about the announcement I made in worship on May 18th regarding the building renovations recently approved by the Session. There has been no surprise at this need and I've heard many say it's "long overdue."

There were a few questions I received which I want to answer here for all of us. To begin with, "What went into the decision to renovate the restrooms in the main building of the church?" The decision to renovate the main restrooms of the church came out of the good and faithful work by our Vision Task Force which met beginning in 2010 for almost two years. The Task Force held in-depth discussions with church staff, ministry teams, technology representatives and an architect to identify current and future needs of our church campus. They took time to walk through our campus buildings to look at how programs and activities utilize existing space and what changes would benefit the church in the future. Finally after much prayer and discernment we realized that one of the main priorities we needed to address now are required upgrades to our main restrooms.

Our restrooms are located in the heart of activity next to the sanctuary, Pre-School, kitchen and education rooms. They are outdated, not up to multiple required codes, not handicap accessible, and, as you may notice, they also look like they needed renovating years ago! It was unanimously agreed upon that these restrooms must be renovated for the growth and vitality of Northwood.

Another good question was whether the \$80,000 campaign goal would be enough to satisfy the kind of expense associated with today's construction costs. We believe that through initial estimates we can do an effective renovation based on current material costs and the square footage of the project.

We have already greatly benefitted from the expertise of one of our members, an architect, Lex Long, who has his own architectural firm, Long & Associates. All of Lex's time and efforts have been donated toward the project. Thank you Lex! Please note that if you have questions about the project, please limit your questions to either, Elder Lou Weislogal (Stewardship, Finance and Property Chair), Chris Hurst (Business Administrator), or to me. In other words, please allow Lex and Melissa Long and family to enjoy worship on Sunday and let his gift be his gift to us.

When will the renovation begin?

The renovations will begin as close to June 1, 2015 as possible when the Pre-School will be on summer break and our peak time of active programs and attendance won't be disrupted by the temporary closure. The restrooms in the Church Office and in the Family Life Center, and perhaps some portable restrooms, will be available. We sincerely hope and pray that beginning this July members will make an 18 month pledge or a significant gift toward the renovation campaign. Pledges are asked to be completed by December 2015 or earlier. Thus we will plan to begin next summer with most of the funds needed already in hand.

As we reflect on our church's vision and values, two of the most important values we hold dear as the Church of Jesus Christ are people and buildings. I've always heard that the way a church cares for its buildings and campus says volumes about how we care for people. When people visit Northwood looking for a church home or a Pre-School for their children, one of the first things they see is how we care for our buildings. It's also good stewardship to maintain the church for future generations so that we pass on to them the Church of Jesus Christ in even better condition than when it was inherited.

The next letter you receive in mid-June about these renovations will include a pledge card and will ask, "At what level of giving is God calling you to participate?" Your pledge contributions to "Building Renovations for the Future" will be greatly appreciated.

In Christ,

Chris Curvin, Pastor

Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

Christian Education

Susan Curry, Christian Education Team Chair

THE BIBLE

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Sunday, May 25th:

- 5-7 pm Youth Group

Friday, May 30th:

- 7-10 pm Game Night

Sunday, June 1st:

- 12-2 pm VBS All Staff Mtg
- No Youth Group

Friday, June 6th:

- 7-10pm Game Night

Sunday, June 8th:

- Leave for Conyers
- No Youth Group

Friday, June 13th:

- No Game Night

Saturday, June 14th:

- Return from Conyers

Sunday, June 15th:

- No Youth Group

Friday, June 20th:

- 7-10pm Game Night

Sunday, June 22nd:

- 5-7pm Youth Group

Monday, June 23rd-Friday June 27th:

- Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 27th:

- 7-10 pm Game Night

Sunday School: Every Sunday at 11:00am in the Youth Room. Join us!

Scholarship Application Time

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from the church office now. Applications are due June 1, 2014. See form for requirements.

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3

1st & 2nd Grades

Room 16

3rd-5th Grades

Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.

Please plan ahead and prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of the month. It is a prayerful time for giving thanks and confessing our sins, renewing our commitment to God, and hearing the Word proclaimed. Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of the Worship Team.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

Our last class is Sunday, May 25th. After that we will stop for summer. We will resume in September after Rally Day.

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

Our last class met Sunday, May 18th. We will be on break for summer but invite you to check back with us as September nears and we kick off another year of Sunday School!

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

Our last class is Sunday, May 25th. We will conclude with a picnic in rooms 13 & 15. Join us next fall as we kick off another year. Happy Summer!

VBS "Workshop of Wonders"

Justine Ruisz & Marcy Kemerer, Director Team

Who? Children 4 yrs. old (as of 9/1/14) through 5th grade (2013-2014 school year)
When? Registration is now open to everyone
Where? Northwood Presbyterian Church

2875 State Road 580
Clearwater, FL 33761
(1 mile E of Countryside Mall)
How Much? Registration is \$10 per child, \$15 day of. (Optional VBS t-shirts are \$5.00 per child)
Note: Registration fee is waived for children of full-time VBS volunteers and for children registered for the Northwood Child Care Summer Camp.

How Do I Register?

Register online at www.northwoodpc.org. Click on the "Register for VBS" link and follow the instructions provided.

The important dates for your calendar:

Sunday, June 1 from 12-2: All-Staff luncheon & Meeting
Saturday, June 21, from 9-12: Room decoration & set-up
Monday-Friday, June 23-27 from 8:30-12:30 VBS (Friday until 1:30 for clean up; lunch provided)
Thursday, June 26, 6-8pm VBS Closing Program

VBS Donations:

Items to be collected:
Fruit and soup cans- emptied, cleaned and wrappers off.
Duct Tape – decorative and colorful
Old hardware- nuts, wing nuts, electrical wire (multicolored), metal shower rings and wire nuts.

Donated items can be placed in the collection box by the robot in front of the Noah's Ark table.

Summer Sunday School Classes:

Summer Sunday school is going to be at 9:30 only for children ages 3 years old (must be potty trained) - 5th grade. 3 years old – Kindergarten will meet in room 3. 1st – 5th Grade will attend the first part of worship and sit in the two front rows on the pulpit side with Sunday school teachers. After joys and concerns prayer time, they will dismiss to room 8 for the Bible story and activities

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org, or call 796-8090.

VBS Donation List

Paper Goods:

75 paper/styro plates
2000 4oz paper cups
250 8oz plastic cups
500 plastic spoons

Non-Perishable Needs:

6 large bags mixed flavor corn chips/cheetos
8 2 liter bottles mixed diet soda
8 2 liter bottles mixed soda
6 large bags mixed flavors Potato Chips
9 cases (24 each) bottle water
75 individually wrapped cookies
75 individually packaged potato/corn chips
6 gallon size boxes Goldfish crackers

Additional Needs:

2 pool noodles
20 shoe boxes
30 hula hoops
31 poster boards
5 packs flower seeds
small & large Dollar Store toys

Crafty Snack Needs:

5 #10 size cans vanilla pudding (avail. @ GPS, Gulf to Bay Blvd)
16 pkg Oreo type chocolate cookies
200 Gummy Worms (avail in bulk candy case-Publix)
10 lg bottles sprinkles, mixed colors
10 boxes Teddy Graham Crackers, mixed flavors
5 lg boxes Cheerios
5 lg containers raisins
2 lg bags pretzel sticks
10 cans of mixed colors frosting (no choc. please)
10 jars marshmallow cream
10 pkgs fruit roll up snack
10 lg boxes of Rice Krispies
5 boxes plain graham crackers
3 bags mini marshmallows
150 pieces of candy

Perishable Goods:

5-7 pkgs cubed cheddar cheese
2 lg bags baby carrots

- Monetary donations (or gift cards @ Aldi or Publix) for fresh fruit. *Please put in envelope and Designate for VBS, and place in collection plate.*
- Fresh fruit daily during VBS

Around Northwood



Caring for Our Church Family

Facility Note

After the long cold winter, the warmer temperatures are here. Please help us be good stewards by being sure to set thermostats to 79 degrees and turning off all lights when you leave areas you have been using at the church. If you are ever in doubt, turn it off and lock it up! Also, please help us in being safe and compliant with fire code by leaving the area clear in front of all exit doors and fire extinguishers. In particular, silk trees/plants in the Christian Education building may not be stored in such a way that hides extinguishers from sight. Thank you for your help.

Church Website

Many of you have asked how to retrieve the upcoming week's bulletin information on our website! Here's how:

1. Go to www.northwoodpc.org
2. Scroll across the top menu bar until you come to "Resources," but don't click on it.



3. When the menu drops down, select "Publication Archives" to be taken directly to the Bulletin.
4. If you'd like to access the Monitor, Window or Announcements, follow the same directions and once you get to the Bulletins, use the right column to navigate between the other publications.



If you have additional questions, contact Katie.

The staff would like to remind you to continually check back to the church website for information on upcoming events! The website is constantly changing and updating! Do you have something you'd like to put on the website? Contact Katie Pacana.

katie@northwoodpc.org

Recycling

The proceeds from paper recycling via the blue dumpster at the church are still used to fund college scholarships. We welcome your newspapers for this worthwhile project!

GOD'S TOOL BOX

God's Tool Box is willing to assist you with minor household repairs or errands. If you are in need of a helping hand, the ministry of God's Tool Box would like to help. Contact Sue Miskiewicz to request some assistance.

We're Still Collecting Pull Tabs

Presbyterian Women are collecting aluminum pull tabs/pop tops for the Shriners. Please carefully pull tabs from empty cans and place only tabs in the labeled basket in the collection center in the South narthex. The profit from recycling is used to purchase hospital equipment. For questions contact Loisanne Bilka.

Be a Sunday Greeter!

We're looking for volunteers to Greet on Sunday mornings! If you are interested, check the "I'd like to be a Greeter" box on the Friendship sheet, sign up on the bulletin board, or call Barbara Moler at 734-3331.

No Prayer Group Until September

Thursday morning prayer group will not be meeting now through the summer. We will resume in September. Thank you.

Library

Children and parents, DVD's are now available for checkout. Be sure to sign the check out card and leave it in the basket on the desk. When returning the DVD, leave it in the slot on the desk drawer marked "DVD".

Pentecost is June 8th-Wear Red!

Pentecost is just around the corner and we'd like to invite each of you to wear your red as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church!

Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen; Burt & Dottie Benziger; Larry Cornillaud; Kimberly Corrello; Doris Croasmun; Jean Dayes; Dorothy Dykstra; Shirley Gleason; Hugh Gott; Rees Heycock; Lou Hortobagyi; Kelly Jordan; Jane Kaempfer; Bea Kimball; Diane Luke; Lois Marsh; Mildred Martin; Robin MacLennan; Annie McElveen; Curtis McLeod; Helen Meier; Norman Phillips; Marian & Walter Rafter; Barbara Smith; David Smith; Charline Snow; Gene Snyder; Lucille Talbot.

Please keep the following who are serving in the military in your prayers. Addresses have been included should you wish to send cards of support.

Capt. Daniel Doverspike 2044 Pratt Court Evanston, Illinois 60201-3116	AB Benjamin A Cernansky 1992 527 I Avenue Unit 851 Sheppard AFB, TX 76311
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Congratulations to the French Family!

Olivia Ann French, infant daughter of parents Joshua & Lindsey (Winder) French, sister to proud big brother, Jack, and granddaughter to Doug & Georgianna Winder, was born on April 27, 2014 weighing 7 lbs 2 oz, and 21 1/2 inches long. Please join us in offering our congratulations to the family and keeping them in your prayers during this exciting time!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of:
Doris Peterson

Given by:
Diane Musto & Sandra Nelson

VITALS

Weather: Sunny
Sunday, May 11, 2014 (Mother's Day)
 (8:15) 136
 (9:30) 174
 (11:00) 179
 Total: 489

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to:

- The family and friends of Audrey Nicot on news of her death on Wednesday May 7, 2014.
- Steve and Sue Miskiewicz on news of the death of Steve's mother on May 11, 2014.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Clearwater Free Clinic

Dear Northwood,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$250.00 to the Clearwater Free Clinic's Annual Fund. Because of your kindness, more families will have access to critical health care. You have made a difference in their lives. We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Jeannie Shapiro
Executive Director

Thornwell Home for Children

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Your gift of \$250.00 is a wonderful reminder of the partnership we have in bringing the love of Christ to children who may never have had the chance to hear of God or his love before coming to Thornwell Home for Children. Thank you!

For All God's Children,
Louise Cooper
VP for
Mission Advancement

Habitat for Humanity

Dear Northwood,

Thank you so much for your \$1420 contribution on 3/7/14. It's donors like you that help us keep building. We are grateful for your kindness and support of our mission.

Let's build!
Christine W. Sabo
VP & CDO

RCS

Dear Northwood,

Thank you for your thoughtful donation of \$352.00 to The RCS Food Bank. Your commitment to helping feed hungry people here in Pinellas County is deeply appreciated. We could not help so many people without donors like you!

Sincerely,
Drina Meyer
Chair, RCS
Board of Directors

FFIM

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00 for the work of the New Hope Clinic in Honduras. You are doing Christ's work every day through the support you provide to the Clinic.

Thank you!
Beth A. Houghton
Treasurer